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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Speech Pathologists, Audiologists, and Hearing Aid Dispensers
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	06/16/2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tonya Coats, Professional Member, President, Presiding
Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member
William Doolittle, Public Member
Lisa Marencin, Professional Member
Brian Whitaker, Public Member
Kirsten Wolfington, Public Member
Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Heather Smith, Professional Member, Secretary
Meredith Sullivan, Professional Member

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Coats called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2015

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the March 17, 2015 meeting. Ms. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update from Telepractice Committee

Ms. Marencin reported that the Telepractice Committee made minor edits to the proposal. Ms. Kelly will prepare the final draft for the Board to review and consider during the next regularly scheduled meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Temporary Speech Pathologist Applications

Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, to ratify the following temporary speech pathologist applications, as all applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Juhi Vora

Ratification of Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications

Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, to ratify the following permanent speech pathologist applications, as the applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Lisa Collins
Heather Motter

Terlenda Crawford
Olita Veasey

Lynn Gabos
Christine Williams

Ratification of Audiologist Application

Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, to ratify the following audiologist applications, as the applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Danette Baker Heather Baker

Ratification of Temporary Speech Pathologist Licensure Extension Requests

Ms. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to ratify the licensure extension requests for the following temporary speech pathologists. Motion unanimously carried.

Nathan Finn
Brittany O'Shea

Emily Kolakowski
Jane Reiley

Julie Luzier
Christine Williams

Amanda McGinnis

Ratification of Temporary Hearing Aid Dispenser Licensure Request

Ms. Marencin moved, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to ratify the licensure extension request for the following temporary hearing aid dispenser. Motion unanimously carried.

John Young III

Ratification of Temporary Hearing Aid Dispenser Application

Dr. Xenakes moved, seconded by Ms. Marencin, to ratify the following temporary hearing aid dispenser application, as the applicant has met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Hugh Johnston

Review of Permanent Speech Pathologist Application

Ms. Marencin moved, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, to approve the following permanent speech language pathologist application, as the applicant has met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Jasmin Desai

Continuing Education – Review of Submitted Activities

Ms. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doolittle, to approve, deny, or table the following continuing educational activities as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Licensee: Jennifer Blackford **Approved**

Sponsor: Christiana Care

Activity: The Foundation of Culturally Competent Communication for Patient Care with Our Patients Who are LGBTQ

Contact Hours: 1.0 PG

Licensee: Jennifer Blackford **Approved**

Sponsor: Christiana Care

Activity: A Review of the Literature: Dysphagia and Mild Traumatic Brain Injury

Contact Hours: 1.0 CS

Licensee: Susan Morrow **Approved**

Sponsor: Hearing Lab Technology

Activity: Training Program for State Hearing Instrument Specialist License

Contact Hours: 24.0 PG

Review of Temporary Hearing Aid Dispenser Application

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wolfington, to approve the following temporary hearing aid dispenser application, as the applicant has met all requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Alisha Latham

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. Whitaker questioned why some individuals who currently have larger hearing aids are unable to obtain smaller hearing aids. He was advised that while hearing aids are getting smaller, the size of the hearing aid may or may not be appropriate for certain types of hearing loss.

Mr. Whitaker suggested that audiology students take time off during the summer to work hand in hand with hearing aid dispensers, as he believes it would be a great learning experience for all individuals involved.

Ms. Marencin advised Mr. Whitaker that the graduate program is four years, and the first two years are strictly academic. Third year students are then mentored and trained by audiologists. Hearing aid dispensers do not have the qualifications to supervise graduate students.

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin advised the Board that Pennsylvania is revising their statute for hearing aid dispensers. She also requested clarification regarding certification for audiologists applying by reciprocity. Ms. Kelly advised Dr. Connolly-Gaskin that the current license law requires proof of current certification. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin requested that "Discussion Regarding the Maintenance of Certification for Licensure by Reciprocity for Audiologists" be an agenda item for the June meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

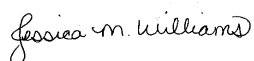
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Whitaker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Marencin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica M. Williams".

Jessica M. Williams
Administrative Specialist II